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WHITE HOUSE PASS TO PHIL WISE AND WHITE HOUSE ADVANCE PARTY

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SUBJECT: CHIEF OF STATE'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER

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ACTING CHIEF OF PROTOCOL CALLED ON ME THIS MORNING TO PRESENT THE CHIEF OF STATE'S LETTER IN REPLY TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER OF AUGUST 29 (LETTER BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT (ARA/CEN). INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF THE LETTER, DATED AUGUST 30, IS AS FOLLOWS:

"DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: IT WAS WITH DEEP SATISFACTION THAT I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER OF AUGUST 29, IN WHICH YOU INFORMED ME THAT AFTER THIRTEEN YEARS OF NEGOTIATIONS THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND PANAMA HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON THE NEW TREATIES CONCERNING THE PANAMA CANAL.
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"AS YOU HAVE SO CORRECTLY EXPRESSED IT, THE SIGNING OF THESE TREATIES CONSTITUTES A TRANCENDENTAL EVENT IN THE HISTORY OF THIS CONTINENT AND THE PROMISING BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA IN INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS. IT IS FOR THAT REASON THAT IT WILL BE A PLEASURE AND AN HONOR FOR ME TO SHARE WITH YOU AND GENERAL TORRIJOS, THE HAPPY CULMINATION OF THESE SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS.

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"IN ADDITION, IN HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE IMPRESSIONS
WITH YOU, I PROPOSE TO EXPLAIN TO YOU OUR NEEDS FOR CAPITAL
ASSISTANCE, WHICH IS ALWAYS THE CASE IN A COUNTRY ENGAGED IN
DEVELOPMENT, SUCH AS HONDURAS, AS WELL AS THOSE (NEEDS) RELATING
TO THE EXECUTION OF THE EL CAJON HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT. ADDITIONALLY
I FEEL OBLIGED TO DISCUSS WITH YOU THE STATUS OF THE PEACE NEGOTIATIO
NS
WITH THE NEIGHBORING REPUBLIC OF EL SALVADOR.

"IN CONGRATULATING YOU AND YOUR ILLUSTRIOUS GOVERNMENT FOR
THIS CONCRETE EXAMPLE OF AMERICAN (HEMISPHERIC) UNDERSTANDING
AND SOLIDARITY, I HOPE THAT YOU WILL ACCEPT THE ASSURANCES OF MY
HIGHEST CONSIDERATION AND RESPECT. SIGNED BRIGADIER GENERAL JUAN
ALBERTO MELGAR CASTRO, CHIEF OF STATE."
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